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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD
SUBJECT: Selection of OXCART Pilots

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1. [REDACTED] has requested the immediate identification of pilots selected for Project OXCART, whereby they can be placed in a "freeze" status and preclude their further assignment within the Air Force. Names of pilots are also required for programming attendance at the RF-101 school, the Lovelace Clinic, etc.

2. To date eighteen pilots have been nominated against the OXCART requirement for sixteen pilots. Pilot testing and training is planned for two groups of eight pilots each. The attached memorandum identifies the eight pilots who should comprise the first group. These pilots are considered fully qualified against the established operational criteria for selection.

3. Of the remaining ten pilots, two are not operationally qualified due to the lack of Century series flying experience. These two pilots should be removed from consideration.

4. The remaining eight pilots should be retained as candidates and evaluated against subsequent nominees before final identification of the second pilot group for testing/training is finalized. It is recommended that Colonel Geary continue to screen pilot files for qualified candidates.

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Lt. Colonel USAF
Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD

Attachment - 1
As noted above (OXC 1641)

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